IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **KOUMA, Norinao, et al.**

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Examiner: **Long PHAM**

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For: **METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING MICRO-STRUCTURAL UNIT**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED March 8, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 29, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **March 8, 2005**, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, without traverse, the species embodying Species I. Claims 1-6 read on this species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Regarding the grouping of claims, the Examiner's attention is hereby directed to the embodiment shown in Figs. 11A-11C, which appears to have been overlooked by the Examiner. If the Examiner considers this embodiment to belong to Species I, then some of claims 7-22 are also readable on the elected species. The Examiner is respectfully requested to clarify his position on this issue in the next Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-6 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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